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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/606,040
Hans SIGRIST et al. - Our Ref.: CSEM:060

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Dear Examiner Chakrabarti:

On Feb. 4, 2003 we filed a Request for Reconsideration and one month extension of time w/\$110 in the USPTO Mail Room.

Transmitted herewith are courtesy copies thereof and of our firm's return postcard receipt bearing the USPTO Mail Room date stamp confirming that filing.

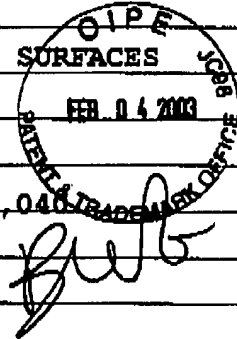
This copy is presented for your convenience to expedite your consideration of this case. We await receipt of a Notice of Allowability or Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Atty. Docket No.

Description: REQUEST FOR RECO. IDERATION W/ONE ATTACHED PAG ,ONE MONTH EXT OF TIME & \$110 (# 16246)Inventor(s): Hans SIGRIST et al.Title (new cases): PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SURFACESAttorney: CAW/chSerial No 09/606,040Paper(s) Filed February 4, 2003Date(s) Satisfied February 8, 2003N.D.D.: c/u 3/8 Call Exr, 3/8 NOA (2X) due

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans SIGRIST et al.

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Serial No.: 09/606,040

Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

Filed: June 29, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SURFACES

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Sir:

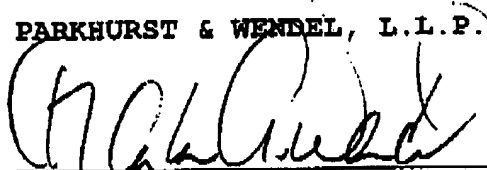
Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 8, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for one month. There is also attached our Check No. 16246 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment for:

- X Extension fee for response within first month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00) [\$55.00].
- Extension fee for response within second month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$410.00) [\$205.00].
- Extension fee for response within third month
pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$930.00) [\$465.00].

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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